



APPROVAL CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR SELF-STUDY OF A NURSE-MIDWIFERY PROGRAM

The Nurse-Midwifery program approved by the Board shall comply with the Standards for Nurse-Midwifery programs set for in Title 16, California Code of Regulations Section 1462.

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| <p>Section 1462. Standards for Nurse-Midwifery Programs.</p> <p>SECTION 1462 (A)</p> <p>Program Study</p> <p>The program of study preparing a nurse-midwife shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Have as its primary purpose the preparation of nurse-midwives; 2. Have its philosophy clearly defined and available in written form; 3. Have its objectives, reflective of the philosophy, state in behavioral terms which describe the theoretical knowledge base and clinical competencies expected of the graduates. | <p>The statement of purpose of the program should be in writing and consistent with the preparation of safe and effective nurse-midwives who possess the knowledge, skills, and abilities, as described in CCR SEC 1463.</p> <p>Attach a copy of the program purpose (1). The statement of philosophy clearly defines the education of the nurse-midwife.</p> <p>Attach a copy of the program philosophy (2) The objectives of the program, based on its philosophy and purpose, reflect the nurse-midwifery needs of the community and the practice of nurse-midwifery as described in Section 1463 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulation.</p> <p>Attach a copy of the program's objectives (3). Course outlines and lesson plans, including syllabi and/or modules reflect content which is designed to provide the knowledge, skills and abilities identified in Section 1463. Course content includes all aspects of the management of normal pregnancy, labor and delivery, postpartum period, newborn care and family planning, and emphasizes nurse-midwifery philosophy.</p> |

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| <p>SECTION 1462 (B)</p> <p>Curriculum</p> <p>The curriculum shall be no less than twelve (12) months in length, and shall be specifically designed to provide a knowledge and skills base necessary for nurse-midwifery management of women and neonates. Such content shall include, but not be limited to, the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anatomy; physiology; genetics; obstetrics and gynecology; embryology and fetal development; neonatology; child growth and development; nutrition; laboratory and diagnostic tests and procedures; and physical assessment. 2. Concepts in psycho-social, emotional, and cultural aspects of maternal/child care; human sexuality; counseling and teaching; maternal/infant/family bonding process; breast feeding; family planning; principles of preventive health; and community health. 3. All aspects of the management of normal pregnancy, labor and delivery, postpartum period, newborn care, family planning and/or routine gynecological care in alternative birth centers, homes and hospitals. 4. The program shall provide concurrent theory and clinical practice in a setting in the United States. 5. The program shall include the nurse-midwifery management process which includes the following steps: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Obtains or updates a defined and relevant data base for assessment of health status of the client. b. Identifies problems/diagnosis based upon correct interpretation of the data base. c. Prepares a defined needs/problem list with corroboration from the client. d. Consults and collaborates with and refers to, appropriate members of the health care team. e. Provides information to enable clients to make appropriate decisions and to assume appropriate responsibility for own health. | <p>Attach a completed total curriculum plan. Theoretical and clinical experiences are integrated to enhance each other. Experience is designed to produce a graduate who is prepared to function as an entry level practitioner of nurse-midwifery in a variety of settings, such as homes, hospital and alternative birth center (5) (CCR Section 1463 (a): Scope of nurse-midwifery practice.)</p> <p>Attach course descriptions and completed BRN curriculum content. Clinical practice is concurrent with theory. Clinical setting should provide ample opportunity for the student to assimilate the nurse-midwifery management process.</p> <p>There should be evidence that the student has the ability to develop standardized procedures pursuant to Section 1474 of Title 16 of the California Code of Regulations.</p> |

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| <p>SECTION 1462 (B)</p> <p>Curriculum (Continued)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f. Assumes direct responsibility for the development of comprehensive, supportive care for the client and with the client. g. Assumes direct responsibility for implementing the plan of care. h. Initiates appropriate measures for obstetrical and neonatal emergencies. i. Evaluates, with corroboration from the client, the achievement of health care goals and modifies plan of care appropriately. <p>6. The program shall prepare the nurse-midwife to practice as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Management of the normal pregnancy. b. Management of normal labor and delivery in all birth settings, including the following when indicated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Administration of intravenous fluids, analgesics, and postpartum oxytocics. ii. Amniotome during labor. iii. Application of external or internal monitoring devices. iv. Administration of local anesthesia: paracervical blocks, pudendal blocks, and local infiltration. v. Episiotomy. vi. Repair of episiotomies and lacerations. vii. Resuscitation of the newborn. c. Management of the normal postpartum period. d. Management of the normal newborn care. e. Management of family planning and/or routine gynecological care including: fitting vaginal diaphragms, insertion of intrauterine devices, selection of contraceptive agents from approved formulary. | <p>Attach practice sites.</p> |

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| <p>SECTION 1462 (C)</p> <p>Faculty</p> <p>Faculty of the nurse-midwifery educational program shall comply with the following requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Faculty shall include one or more nurse-midwives and one or more physicians with current training and practice in obstetrics. 2. Faculty teaching in the program shall be current in knowledge and practice in the specialty being taught. <p>Nurse-midwives, clinical instructors, and physicians who participate in teaching, supervising and evaluating students shall show evidence of current practice.</p> | <p>Nurse-midwife and physician faculty must have clinical expertise and current training and practice in the area. Faculty must demonstrate knowledge of nurse-midwifery philosophy and practice.</p> <p>Attach Report on Nurse-Midwifery Faculty. Arrangements shall be made for nurse-midwives and physicians who are currently practicing in the clinical area to instruct students in theory, to supervise them in clinical practice, and to evaluate their performance.</p> |

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